

The Pirtle Nursery Compacta Holly is a great multi purpose evergreen for low borders or foundation plantings. Light pruning will be necessary to maintain its rounded shape. The Compacta is a Japanese holly with moderate growth rate and small leaves that make it a smart choice for your yard. Rich, evergreen color, with small black fruit in the winter adds contrast to any landscape.

- Includes one Compacta Holly #3 (2.929 gal.) pot and detailed planting instructions.
- Rich, evergreen color, with small black fruit in the winter that provides for graceful wildlife.
- Best grown in USDA Hardiness Zones 6-9.
- Plant in full sun, at least 4 hours of sunlight daily.
- Water weekly or more when soil is dry 2-3 inches down.
- Prefers acidic, adaptable, well-drained soil.
- Mature height and spread will be 6-7 feet.
- #3 size pot has actual size of 11.09 Liters/2.929 Gallons

Below are general planting instructions.

1. Remove tree and soil mix from plastic container.
2. Dig hole twice the width of pot and as deep.
3. Place roots, surrounded by potting soil from container, in the middle of hole. The top of potting soil should be slightly above ground level, as the plant will later settle. Be careful to not plant too deep as this will suffocate the root system.
4. Ensure the roots are not tightly compressed. Use your fingers or blunt instrument to loosen the potting soil/roots and spread gently to encourage outward growth into the surrounding earth.
5. Use soil that was removed while digging to fill hole back, but remember to only fill to top level of soil mix that is around plant.
6. Water soil, allow it to settle and add more soil if needed. Tamp lightly. (Tamp, for the majority of us who might not know, means to tap the soil with light to medium blows repeatedly.) This will help soil to settle.
7. Water plant again. Adding mulch around plant in a 1-2" layer will help retain moisture. If experiencing hot or dry weather it will be important to water plants more frequently, versus the recommended 1-2 times a week to water thoroughly.

Please review the recommended USDA Zones for your area. It is important to select plants with recommendations for your zone; otherwise, they will not be successful in your landscape due to their inability to grow in those weather conditions.